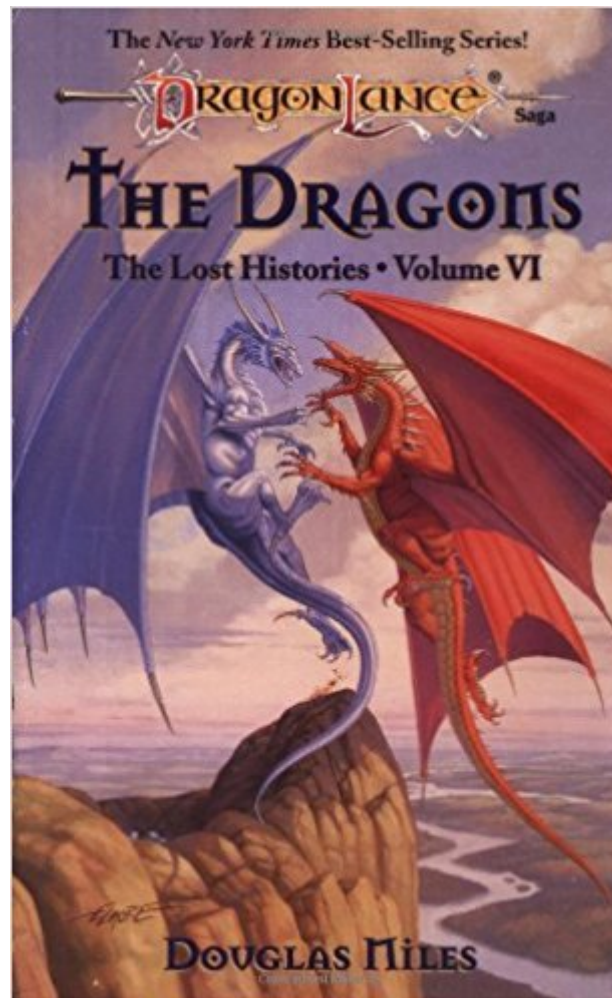




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Synopsis

War Among the Dragons . . . "When dragons make war, Krynn can only tremble in the shadow of angry wings."-- Astinus Lorekeeper Aurican and Darlantan, mighty serpents of gold and silver, have been nurtured in a world of wisdom, meditation, and sublime faith. On the other side of Ansalon, Crematia, a dragon of red, inherits the Dark Queen's legacy of betrayal, violence, conquest, and plunder. The advent of a worldwide war sweeps these powerful beings and many more into desperate strife. Battles rage over Krynn with a fury that threatens to annihilate nations and whole races -- even dragonkind. As campaigns ebb and flow, generations of lesser mortals come and go, and the great serpents are left to determine the fate of the world. Their triumphs may create a destiny of all-encompassing light or cast the world beneath the shadow of ultimate darkness. The Dragons The Lost Histories Series probes the historical roots and epic struggles of little-known inhabitants of Krynn.

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Customer Reviews

An interesting story, it covers millennia of time before any of the other Dragonlance books through to the War of the Lance. Covering such a breadth of time and I think 3 generations of dragons, it does rush through many interesting periods of time. It was very cool to get into the heads of the dragons and experience life through the lens of a being who lives for thousands of years. There were, however, many plot holes, such as the total number of dragons in the world, the origin of magic in Krynn and the creation of the 3 moons, Graygem-created species being around too early,

and ogres having been ugly forever. I think that all of the continuity errors are probably from later books filling in or creating the various backstories, and so it may not be Niles's fault, but the effect is that this book can't really be considered canon. All the same, if it's taken as a self-contained story, it's definitely worth the read.

BEFORE YOU READ ANY FURTHER...IF YOU HAVE NOT READ "THE LEGEND OF HUMA" AND "THE KAGONESTI" DO NOT READ THIS BOOK!! YOU WILL MISS A LOT OF STUFF IF YOU DO NOT READ THOSE OTHER TWO BOOKS FIRST!! Ok, that being said, let me get to the "meat and potatoes" of this amazing book. It begins several thousand years before the first "Dragon War", the second "Dragon War" and the "War of the Lance"...not to mention before the "Cataclysm" also. This is the story of the dragons of "Paladine", and of course those of "Tahakisis". Spanning multiple generations of dragons and thousands of years it follows the life, death, and epic struggles of the dragons. You can really see how their individual victories, and losses greatly affected the lesser people's of "Krynn". A victory of a single Silver dragon could shape millennia of peace on the land, while a dark victory meant millennia of death and terror. You can really see how close the dark queen really came to winning the dragon wars, and the war of the lance. It also goes into detail how the gods cast their lots into the battles so that evil would be defeated, and how they were punished for bringing back the powerful spell magic back to the land. Now, I had one beef with this book. In "The Legend of Huma", "Huma" fell in love with a female silver, named "GWENNITH"....and of course this was the dragon who loved him, and who he rode in the final battle of the "War of the lance". Now here is the problem: in "Dragons" she is mentioned...and they call her "Heart". How the writer could miss this seemingly small, BUT VERY NOTICEABLE DETAIL, is simply beyond me. Problem 2: In this book they mentioned "Huma's Campaigns", and conquests..once again THE WRITER OVERLOOKS ANOTHER SMALL, BUT VERY VERY NOTICEABLE DETAIL....Huma was never on any conquest or campaign...from the time he got to the front lines, he was immediately swept into one mishap after another to the next, and was only in contact with the rest of the nighthood only a handful of times till his death in the end of "Legend"...HOW COULD HE THEN BE ON ANY CONQUEST OR CAMPAIGN LEADING TROOPS TO VICTORY OR GLORY WHEN HE WAS NEVER AROUND THEM??? This brings me to a point repeated over and over...AUTHORS NEED TO READ EACH OTHERS WORK SO THAT THEY DON'T MAKE THESE KIND OF MISTAKES. If you can see past these flaws, then don't miss this book. It is amazing!! A true epic, a crown jewel in the DL series..But that's my opinion, I could be wrong... -Jon

Very informative. It gives a lot of back story for the series. If you are new to the series, it may not be the best place to start, it isn't as exciting as some of the other books, but a great insight into how Dragons see time and events. If you want to read the series chronologically, this is the place to start.

Worth reading, but don't expect suspense.

Good read.

Loved it. delightful,cheesy read. I gotta get me a copper dragon ã ã ã^ã

This book illuminates the origin and background of the dragons while tying them into the Dragonlance timeline as a whole. A "must read" for those who are immersed in this world!

Great book, but seemed to cover too much history in a short amount of time. The reader should have some background in the DragonLance world to fully appreciate the book.

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